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**JANUARY 15, 2009
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Pastor Ed Davis, United Methodist Church

ROLL CALL: Marczyk, Green, Norris, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

Absent: Falivene

Also Present: Mayor Elco; City Solicitor, Mike Blee; City Administrator, Terry Dolan; CFO, Jessica Thompson & Carie Crone, Clerk; City Engineer, Eddie Dennis

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW – Lynn

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Lynn

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW PATROL OFFICERS – Police Chief Joe Cowan explained the process of hiring and gave a brief background of the new officers, Paolo Imberti and Mitchell Levin. They were both sworn in by the Mayor.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Norris – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING

Lynn – asked for a motion to add the following resolutions to the agenda if there was no problem.

Motion was made by Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Marczyk

All were in favor.

Resolution #43 – Res. #44 and Res. #45 were added to the agenda.

2009 ORDINANCES

- 01 An Ordinance of the City of Absecon, to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14) **PULLED**

2009 RESOLUTIONS

- 29 Re-instating a Volunteer Firefighter into the Absecon City Fire Department, namely Douglas Pierce **MOVED**
- 30 Accepting a Volunteer Firefighter into the Absecon City Fire Department, namely Tavsif Zaman. **MOVED**
- 31 To apply an overpayment of taxes on Block 258, Lot 1.34 from tax year 2008 to tax year 2009. **MOVED**
- 32 Authorizing the tax collector to cancel year 2007 property tax over-payments in amounts less than one dollar. **MOVED**
- 33 Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel preliminary taxes for the first and second quarters of the year 2009 on the property located at Block 9.02, Lot 3.02. **MOVED**
- 34 Authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel preliminary taxes on the property located at 703 Highland Blvd. (Block 51, Lot 3). **MOVED**
- 35 Granting a Raffle License to the Holy Spirit High School Mother's Guild. **MOVED**
- 36 Authorizing a refund for overpayment of Construction Fees in the name of James Cox. **MOVED**
- 37 Awarding a contract for Professional Services for a Labor Attorney. **MOVED**
- 38 Authorizing the hiring of a part time Electrical Sub-code Official, namely Kory Simpson. **MOVED**
- 39 Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Absecon Lions Club. **MOVED**
- 40 Appointing one full time and one part time tele-communicators. **MOVED**
- 41 Re-assigning members to Absecon Planning Board. **MOVED**

Lynn – asked the Mayor to explain.

Mayor – since the Reorganization Meeting there was an interest between these two individuals to change their positions.

- 43 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ed & Gene's King Tire, LLC for the provision of Fleet Maintenance Services. **MOVED**

Terry – explained this is for the vehicles of the city that are non-diesel powered.

44 Accepting Safe Street's to Transit Funding from the NJ Dept. of Transportation

MOVED

Lynn – explained what the money is to be used for and the committee to report on it. Andrew Mancuso and Stan Weiner, both business owners and Bill Wilson were asked to work with Jim Vizthum and the Economic Development Committee on this.

45 Appointing a Coordinator to the Office of Emergency Management, namely Jeff Thomas. **MOVED**

Mayor – explained that former Chief Smith resigned due to spending more time with the fire dept. We began a search that led us to Jeff. He then explained a little about him and feels he is an ideal candidate.

REGULAR MEETING

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

Resolutions #29 through 45 made up the consent agenda.

Motion to move Consent Agenda – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$ 1,305,523.37

One item was removed for \$200.

Motion to approve: – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Norris

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie

Construction – \$7,116.00

City Clerk - \$1,518.50

Tax Collection - \$264,101.99

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 12/4/08 and 12/18/08

Closed Session as to form and content

Motion to approve: – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Marczyk

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Vizthum, abstain; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – the process of education our businesses regarding security measures will begin shortly. They will receive information at the meetings. Some of it can overflow to the residential areas too.

Joe – finance meeting is 2/17 and not in January due to budget process. Invited public to come.

Fred – met on Monday and discussed the state aid program and hopes to get started soon. Mill Road is having some problems and we know it hasn't been finished. County is aware of this and plans on fixing it. Not sure about the NJ Ave. paving project due to the budget crisis with the County.

Charlie – no report

Jim – first meeting will be 2/5. Thanked Chief Cowan for the ceremony tonight for the new officers.

Bobbie – first meeting will be 2/5. Invited all organizations to attend and if not provide her with list of events. She then announced upcoming ones.

Lynn – announced budget meetings will be held on 1/22 and 1/29 and they are open to the public. Also brought up the 2.5% tax that new businesses were required to pay.

Terry – there are some businesses that opened that needed to pay that fee and if legislation does change this rule, he hopes those businesses get a refund. Jessica is working on the budget and meeting with auditors.

Lynn – asked Jim and his committee to keep watch on this.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION - #42-2009

Attorney Mike Blee – stated the reasons as being:

1. Under the contract negotiation exception to the open public meetings act specifically contract negotiations with the PBA. Those minutes can be disseminated only by court order due to the ongoing contractual negotiations with that organization.
2. Under the contract negotiation exception to the open public meetings act specifically negotiations with ABTV. Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact an agreement is reached and the final agreement is executed by all parties or perhaps only by court order depending upon the ongoing relationship with that entity.

Does not believe action will be taken after closed session.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor.

Mike – it's now 8:30 p.m. and the issues discussed were those announced prior to going into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____